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BILLET FOR COLD FORGING, METHOD OF CONTINUOUSLY COLD
FORGING BILLET, METHOD OF COLD FORGING CRANKSHAFT,
METHOD OF COLD FORGING DISK SHAPED PART WITH SHAFT,
AND COLD FORGING DIE APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows.

1. (THRICE AMENDED) A billet of steel for continuous cold forging, comprising 0.46 - 0.48 wt % of C (carbon), 0.14 wt % or less of Si (silicon), 0.55 - 0.65 wt % of Mn (manganese), 0.015 wt % or less of P (phosphorus), 0.015 wt % or less of S (sulfur), 0.15 wt % or less of Cu (copper), 0.20 wt % or less of Ni (nickel), and 0.35 wt % or less of Cr (chromium), wherein a carbide of the billet is spherodized and the billet has a limiting upsetting ratio of 90 % or more without the occurrence of cracks.

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